

against 136 in 1087. He pointed out that the supply of good drinking water during the St. Xavier's Festival at Kottar had proved an effectual preventive against the spread of the epidemic.

Nagercoil had become completely damp and insanitary, owing to the profuse flow of percolated water from the Ananthanar Channel and its tributaries and also to the wet cultivation within the town. If immediate steps were not taken, a great portion of the town would, in a short time, become uninhabitable. The improvement of the drainage system was thus rendered absolutely necessary, both as a preventive measure against cholera and other epidemic diseases, and also for comfortable and healthy habitation. The Member, therefore, prayed that the Government might be pleased to concert measures for the speedy supply of good drinking water to the town and for the improvement of the drainage system.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The town is now within the commanded area of the Kodayar Project. The question of drainage is therefore an urgent one. The Chief Engineer will be asked to investigate and report.

89. Certain works necessary for improving the sanitation of the Town of Trivandrum.

Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai, B. A., B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Trivandrum) first spoke about the urgent need for improving the Putherikandom Channel. An estimate for the work had been sanctioned, but, for some unknown reason, it appeared to have been dropped. If improved, the canal would be useful as an irrigation channel. There was also a positive evil in leaving it in its present condition. The land on the sides of the canal broke down and water stagnated and emitted unwholesome effluvia. The place was being used by the people for purposes of nature.

Dewan.—There is provision for Rs. 30,000 for building a parapet wall.

The Member said that the wall should be built from the very bottom and brought up. The new building for the Government Secondary School was hardly 50 yards from the channel. He requested that the wall should be constructed as indicated, as early as possible.

The Member next suggested the desirability of converting the lanes in the town into cartable roads and also of improving the lighting of the town. The lanes were now in an insanitary condition. The lighting done was utterly insufficient. In the matter of lighting, the Government should not be chary about spending money from the general revenues, because the town did not exist for the local people alone, and the several works of improvement done were not exclusively for their benefit. The general tax-payers and a large floating population equally profited by them and nobody could think of imposing a local tax on those people. The question had therefore to be viewed by the Government in that aspect and more money should be spent from the general revenues to improve the lighting of the town.

Another point was that the lighting was now in the hands of the Public Works Department. The places where lighting was urgently necessary were the Main road and the Vanchiyoor road joinings. Two lights were required at the latter place. On the road leading from the General Hospital to the Vanchiyur road, 7 or 8 lights were necessary. The P. W. D., which lighted the major lines, should put up the lights at the above places and light them. The Town Improvement Committee should not be saddled with the responsibility.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

90. Municipal topics of local interest.

Mr. S. N. Krishna Iyer, B. A., B. L. (Member, Nominated) said that he would first deal with the dust nuisance in the town of Trivandrum. While all were